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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/12/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/05/06
Broiler/fryer	165,650	162,054
Light hens	968	1,103
Heavy hens	1,574	1,590

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	62	0	62
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	123	0	123
Same week yr ago	51	4	55
To-date/2006	5,506	23	5,529
To-date/2005	8,053	37	8,090

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,090	1,561	2,651
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,163	1,487	2,650
Same week yr ago	1,325	1,707	3,032
To-date/2006	40,461	45,573	86,034
To-date/2005	55,164	43,681	98,845

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589
Avg Wt	5.31	3.42	8.22	6.31
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,268	1,040	1,487	2,527
Same wk yr ago	169,836	1,274	1,703	2,977
Avg Wt	5.28	3.41	7.80	5.92
To-date/2006	4,988,138	34,955	45,550	80,505
To-date/2005	4,980,304	47,111	43,644	90,755

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,769	23,476	50,572
Avg Weight	3.68	4.77	6.28
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%
Last week	27,967	20,214	53,355
Avg Weight	3.85	4.68	6.29
% of total /1	28%	20%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,335	24,031	43,556
Avg Weight	3.69	4.85	6.39
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
To date/2006	807,238	591,097	1,598,546
To date/2005	828,957	674,402	1,457,836

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,975	2,769	36	2	4,782
Avg Wt	15.55	35.46	24.07	43.97	27.15
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,041	2,765	39	0	4,845
Same wk yr ago	2,067	2,592	10	5	4,674
Avg Wt	15.77	35.88	24.05	31.92	29.96
To-date/2006	59,413	78,419	748	153	138,733
To-date/2005	53,206	79,134	726	118	133,184

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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